

TRAVELING MAN VICTIM OF HOLDUP

Two white highwaymen worked a clever ruse last night on the Asylum road and obtained \$100 from a traveling salesman. W. B. Newell told officers that he was coming to Columbia in his motor car and was stopped by two men who pretended to be in need of a pump. He said he accommodated the strangers and his generosity resulted in a holdup which cost him \$100.

Mr. Newell said he was a traveling salesman from Greensboro, N. C. He said he was near Smith's branch on the Asylum road at 8:30 o'clock when he was halted by two men who were riding in a fine car. The men asked for a pump to force air into a tire and when the needed appliance had been offered to the strangers a gun loomed up and a holdup was in progress, according to the story told by Mr. Newell. The highwaymen took the booty, oared their car and raced toward Colonial Heights.

City and county police were notified and a detail of county officers went north in search of the robbers. Mr. Newell described one bandit as being short and stout and the other as being tall and slender.—The State.

Gifford Pinchot Addresses Agricultural Conference

In an address on "A National Forest Policy" before the Agricultural Conference at Washington, D. C., on Thursday, January 26, Gifford Pinchot said:

"No wood on the farm, no food in the town. It takes more than half the wood consumed in America to supply the farms that produce our food. The farm industry is the greatest single user of wood.

"The farmer finds it harder and harder to get building lumber at reasonable cost. The reason is clear. Five-sixths of our virgin timber is gone. Two-thirds of all the states, with 80,000,000 people and more than four-fifths of the farm values of the country, depend for timber on the few remaining states which still cut more than they consume. Within ten years the entire country will have to depend on two or three states for nearly all its softwood lumber.

"Moreover, what we can not supply at home we can secure abroad. Far more than half the nations of the world are dependent for timber supplies upon forests beyond their own boundaries. Even Mexico is an importer of timber, while the Canadians, if they should give us all they have, could meet our needs for less than one generation.

"The demands we make upon our forests are gigantic. More than half of all the lumber used in the world is consumed in the United States. Meantime, we are replacing by growth only one-fourth of what we cut, and our remaining supplies are dwindling to an early end. It is clear that we must grow what we need, or go without.

"The 460,000,000 acres of timber land which remain, if they produced fifty cubic feet per acre per year, could almost meet our present needs. But they have been so mismanaged that 15 cubic feet is all they grow, while our population is increasing and the uses of wood are multiplying. A higher standard of living always means a larger use of wood.

"The public forests, national and state, are reasonably well handled, but they furnish less than 3 per cent of our lumber, and can never supply more than 20.

"Farm woodlots, scattered in small tracts outside the lumber regions, will always help the farmers, but can not grow the vast quantities of saw timber we must have to live. They are in little danger of devastation.

"The privately-owned commercial timber lands which contain most of what timber we have left are being devastated more rapidly and completely than ever before, to the incalculable injury of the whole nation.

"When a house is on fire, the first thing is to stop the fire. Replanting, fire prevention, and the saving of what timber lands still remain on the public domain and Indian reservations are each of great importance, but the first thing is to put an end to forest devastation.

"Since the states which do not have forests must depend on those which do, this matter must be handled by the nation itself. A national law would become effective everywhere at once, while if saving our commercial forests were left to the individual states, it would undoubtedly be years before those states which have large supplies of saw timber would take action. By that time it might well be too late.

"Meanwhile, it is well to remember that the forest is a crop to be grown from the soil, not a mine to be exhausted and abandoned, as the lumbermen do, and that the proposal to take the U. S. Forest Service out of the Department of Agriculture is in fact a proposal to check the progress of forest preservation in America."

MUCH MONEY FOR VETERANS

Washington, Jan. 30.—The independent offices appropriation bill carrying a total of \$494,304,238, most of which is for use by the veterans' bureau, was passed today by the house and sent to the senate. For the bureau the bill appropriated \$377,474,622 and the only change in this feature was the elimination of a provision which would have limited the number of camps at which training schools might be established to Camp Sherman, Ohio.

Some of the items making up the \$100,000,000 appropriations for the shipping board came in for sharp attack, the house defeating, 171 to 117, Democratic motion to recommit the bill for the purpose of restricting the board's advertising expenditures to \$500,000. In addition to \$900,000 carried for advertising, the board has available \$800,000, thus giving it \$1,700,000 for advertising.

The motion to recommit, offered by Representative Byrnes (Democrat) of South Carolina, a member of the appropriations committee, would have eliminated also a section providing for \$50,000,000 for payment of claims.

An amendment by Representative Byrnes (Democrat) of Tennessee, directing that not more than six officers or employees of the board should receive a salary in excess of \$11,000 was adopted, as was an amendment by Representative Walsh (Republican) of Massachusetts, limiting such salaries to \$25,000.

Mr. Walsh also got through an amendment stipulating that no part of the appropriation should be used by the board for publication of its own newspapers, bulletins or periodicals of any kind.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Superior, Wis., Jan. 31.—A spectacular fire at the Ore dock has been brought under control after a loss estimate at \$2,000,000.

Lumber Industry First Among Nation's Industries

Washington, Jan. 30.—Lumber and wood-using industries in the United States represent an investment of \$12,000,000 and employ approximately 1,000,000 people, being first among the nation's industries in the number of employees and second in invested capital and in the annual value of their products, according to an estimate recently made by Frederick J. Haskin, the well known writer and economic authority. Other students differ somewhat in the arrangement of these estimates but no one doubts that, next to agriculture, the lumber and wood-using groups most vitally influence our national life. And sharing with agriculture the fact that their products are heavy, bulky and of prime necessity wherever men live, lumber and the wood-using industries are absolutely dependent upon the element of transportation as affecting the cost of their products to consumers.

Within the past few months there has been a spontaneous and nationwide demand for a reduction in freight rates upon the products of the soil and for the other fundamental requirements of the public, including lumber and wood products. Lumbermen declare that the chief element in the cost of building materials is freight. The nation is waiting to start upon a program of home building but in many places builders declare that freight rates have enhanced material costs to prohibitive levels.

At a conference of shippers in Washington December 14, last, a general committee was appointed to present the matter to the Interstate Commerce Commission and hearings before that tribunal are being held this week in Washington. Uniting with lumber are representatives of such organizations as the American Farm Bureau, Ohio State Industrial League, American Association of Nurserymen, National Canners Association, Illinois Dairymen's Association, etc. It is expected that the results of the hearing will be made public within the next few weeks.

MEAT CUTTERS CALL OFF STRIKE

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 31.—More than a thousand striking members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America voted to call off the strike.

Shantung Question Has Been Settled

Washington, Jan. 31.—Much gratification that the Shantung controversy had been settled was expressed at the White House which was first official announcement that the Japanese and Chinese had reached a complete accord.

ONLY DRUGGISTS CAN DRAW BOOZE

Washington, Jan. 30.—Intoxicating liquors stored in government bonded warehouses can not be withdrawn by the owners for their personal use, the supreme court today held in a decision delivered by Justice McKenna, and dissented to by Justice McReynolds. Such liquor can only be transported from the bonded warehouse, Justice McKenna stated, to a wholesale druggist for sale to him for purposes not prohibited.

The court in a previous decision had held that owners could withdraw from private warehouse liquor for their own consumption or for the use of their family or their bona fide guests. Today's ruling marks wide distinction between private and bonded warehouses.

Justice McKenna on this point said that "mere ownership was not the equivalent" to possession and declared that under the Volstead law, "there must be ownership, and possession in one's private dwelling, and that character can not be assigned to the bonded warehouses of the government." The cases before the court did not, he said, have the effect of depriving those who held warehouse certificates of their property without due process of law nor did it amount, he added, to the taking of private property for public purposes without just compensation.

Referring to the contention that the prohibition amendment and the Volstead act if applied to liquor manufactured and lawfully acquired before the amendment and the law became effective would be void, as taking from property its essential attributes of the right to use it, possess it and enjoy it, Justice McKenna stated that the court was "not disposed to trace the elements of the contentions minutely, as they were all answered by the former decisions of the court in the national prohibition cases."

Referring to that part of the law which permits one to use lawfully obtained liquor in his home, Justice McKenna asserted that this right can not be construed to extend "to liquors not so situated or to put it more pointedly, an intention to make all bonded warehouses of the country outbuildings of its dwellings."

Declaring he had been in disagreement with the previous decision of the court in holding that liquor in private houses could be lawfully moved by owners to their residences for consumption, Justice McReynolds asserted that if the doctrine laid down by the court in that case was good, it would permit owners to withdraw liquor from bonded warehouses, and he urged that unless the court took that view it should "frankly" withdraw its former decision. In the present cases liquor was entrusted to government warehouses as permitted by the statute he said, but the owner "is denied the privilege of taking it home because that warehouse is not contributory to his dwelling nor adjacent thereto nor an outbuilding connected therewith."

The decision grew out of a consolidation of four cases, all brought against internal revenue collectors to compel them to permit the withdrawal of the liquor. In each case the decision was against the owner of the warehouse certificate.

POLICE BATTLE WITH NEGRO

Boston, Jan. 31.—Sixty policemen, armed with riot guns, battled against Renzy Murrell, a negro, who barricaded himself in a house. He wounded two patrolmen and two negroes and only surrendered when the police broke the door down. Shouts of "Lynch him" was made by crowd which roughly handled the negro before the officers hurried him away in a patrol wagon.

Arms Limitation Conference Nearing End

Washington, Jan. 31.—Virtual settlement of the Shantung question and final agreement on the text of the five power naval treaty, brought the Washington conference today near the conclusion of its labors. A plenary session is called for tomorrow to announce the treaty.

Bible Class Excursion

The Bible class excursion to Billy Sunday meeting should be run on Thursday, owing to the fact that the Salvation Army has an entertainment on Friday night and a very large number of people are interested in it and, therefore could not go on excursion Friday. Many have already expressed themselves.

You remember the entertainment was postponed from last Friday night on account of excursion so by all means let's have excursion Thursday. A. D. Cooper, President Salvation Army Advisory Board.

NO INFORMATION FOUND IN SKULLS

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Declaring that molestation by natives of the mountains had completely destroyed everything of scientific worth in the cave near Benham, in which several hundred skeletons were found last week, Dr. Alex. Hrdlicka, expert from the Smithsonian Institution, today completed his investigation of the cave and its contents.

Hundreds of persons have visited the cave in the past few days, it is reported by mountaineers in that section, and few left without carrying off some of the skulls and other bones found in the cave. It is claimed that prior to Dr. Hrdlicka's visit hundreds of human bones were lifted out of the cave by means of rope and basket and distributed among curiosity seekers who came from all parts of the country to get trophies.

A drunken mountaineer was seen riding his horse away from the cave several days ago with a dozen or more human skulls strung to his saddle bow and another heap of 10 skulls was found by a newspaper reporter hidden under a stump in the woods near the cave.

Accompanied by Prof. Henry Woodman of Bristol, Dr. Hrdlicka spent several hours in the cave examining the few fragments of bones untouched since the discovery. He declared in his opinion the bones were those of Cherokee Indians cast there after the flesh had decayed from them. He said examination indicated the bones had been there for about 600 years. He left tonight for Washington.

BIG BALL GAME DEFINITELY BOOKED

Messrs. W. H. Perrin and Paul McNally have received definite news to the effect that the ball game between Rochester and Detroit clubs will be played here Tuesday, March 21.

The telegram from Walter E. Hapgood, business manager of Rochester club, was received today, definitely closing the date.

The ball fans in and around Unionville will be delighted to hear that the game will be called at an early date to decide what park will be used and other necessary arrangements.

Special Train to Billy Sunday Meeting

There will be a special train operated from Union to Spartanburg Thursday, February 2nd, account "Billy" Sunday revival meeting. This movement is in charge of the churches of the city.

It is desired that everybody take advantage of this opportunity in order that it may be a success.

Train will leave Union 5:50 p. m.—return leave Spartanburg 9:45 p. m.—and arrive Union about 10:40 p. m.

Three hundred of the best seats in the Tabernacle have been reserved for this occasion and it is also assured that Mrs. Ashley will sing especially for the Union people.

Call at Southern ticket office immediately and get your tickets so you will be certain to get reserved seat at Tabernacle.

E. L. Spears,
B. F. Alston, Jr.,
C. C. Cooper,
L. E. McAlpine,
Committee.

ICE COVERED SHIP ARRIVES

Plymouth, England, Jan. 31.—Covered from stem to stern with ice and snow the American liner, Kronland, arrived from New York today after a tempestuous voyage.

Death of Mr. J. A. Lancaster

Mr. J. A. Lancaster died suddenly about 12 o'clock at his home in Jonesville. Mr. Lancaster had been in feeble health for some time but was apparently recuperating. He was in Union last week on a business trip.

Mr. Lancaster was a member of Sulphur Springs Baptist church. He was 78 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Lancaster; four sons, A. B. Lancaster, of West Springs; L. R., F. L. and John Lancaster of Jonesville; and three daughters, Mrs. Edward Holder, of Spartanburg; Mrs. C. D. Hall and Mrs. Reuben Coleman, of Jonesville. He has one surviving brother, M. W. Lancaster, of West Springs. He was one of the county's best citizens.

The funeral arrangements have not been announced yet.

Schwab Comments On Tariff Bill

Washington, Jan. 31.—No tariff bill will build a foundation for prosperity unless it provides for an American valuation, Charles M. Schwab declared in a letter read before the National Association of Manufacturers Tariff convention here today.

FINAL FORM OF TREATY REACHED

Washington, Jan. 30.—The text of the five power naval treaty, to carry into effect the capital ship settlement, the limitations placed on auxiliary warcraft, and the "status quo" agreement regarding Pacific fortifications, was put into final form today and will be placed before the world at a plenary session of the arms conference on Wednesday.

Final agreement on the fortifications article, for weeks the only provision of the treaty remaining incomplete, came after Japan had suggested and other powers had agreed that the American Aleutian islands, which are a part of Alaska, should be included in the area in which no further fortifications or naval bases are to be erected.

As accepted the provision pledges the powers to maintain in their present status the fortification of the Philippines, Guam, the Aleutian islands and various smaller Pacific possessions of the United States, Formosa and other Japanese islands stretching to the north and south from the principal Japanese group, and the British port of Hongkong, together with a number of British islands lying to the southeast. The Japanese mainland, Japanese Sakhalin, British Singapore and the Hawaiians do not fall under the prohibition.

Although at first regarded by the American delegation as a part of the purposes of the treaty the Aleutian group is said in American naval circles tonight to have little strategic value in any of the naval plans of the general board. The Japanese on the other hand are understood to have taken the position that the archipelago, stretching out from the Alaskan mainland toward Siberia, might become a potential factor in the Far Eastern situation if it became the site of an American naval base.

Among the Japanese islands listed as falling within the "status quo" significance is attached in naval circles to Formosa and the various islands chains which stretch away to the southward from the main Japanese group. It would be in these waters, in the opinion of many naval experts, that the most potential Japanese naval bases could be developed. The belief that Japan might in the future desire to build a great naval establishment on Formosa and might also fortify the Loochoo and other groups in order to bottle up the Yellow sea and the Sea of Japan has long been prevalent among naval authorities.

Rodeheaver-Matthews Concert

Music lovers of Union had a rare treat in the concert given in the High school auditorium last evening, and the audience showed their appreciation in the close attention and the rounds of applause given the performers.

Mr. Rodeheaver has a most sympathetic and well trained voice, and the playing of Mr. Matthews was remarkably good.

Taken all in all the concert was of a class that goes only to the large cities, and those who missed this performance failed to hear something unusually lovely and uplifting.

A neat sum was realized from the performance for Grace Circles.

Four Miners Killed in Explosion

Pienville, Ky., Jan. 31.—Four miners were killed and two injured seriously and two are missing as a result of an explosion in the Layton coal mine, according to reports received here today.

London Newspapers Express Anxiety

London, Jan. 31.—London newspapers discuss with considerable anxiety the beginning of "civil disobedience" day in India, under the plans laid down by M. K. Gandhi, non-Cooperationist leader.

Auxiliary to Meet

The woman's auxiliary of the Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. Paul McNeil on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Earthquake Reported

Washington, Jan. 31.—An earthquake of the greatest intensity probably 2600 miles south of Washington was registered at Georgetown seismographical observatory today. Tremors became so pronounced as to throw registering needles off the scale. The quake was pronounced "enormous" by the officials.

Interest in Pope Of Pope's Successor

Rome, Jan. 31.—Interest in choice of a successor of Pope Benedict is increasing as the time draws near for the assembling of the sacred conclave which is set for Thursday.

TRAIN SERVICE BEING RESUMED

Washington, Jan. 30.—Bright sunshine and thawing temperature did much today to restore normal conditions in Washington and the Middle Atlantic section buried under Saturday's severe snow storm.

Forecasts of the weather bureau were for a continuation of the favorable temperatures and it was generally believed that tomorrow night would see a complete resumption of the activities suspended in many cases since the storm began Friday night. The bright sunshine in Washington although helpful in removing the snow seemed to contrast strangely with the deep gloom of spirit hanging over the city as the result of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster.

All danger of a food shortage in the capital passed away during the day as train service was resumed. Normal schedules were resumed by trains on the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio at noon and the railroads entering the city from the South reported complete service. Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern railways asserted first reports of delays were exaggerated.

Street car service here was not so quickly resumed. While many lines were opened up today the two traction companies serving the city stated that it would be late tomorrow before some of their cars stranded since Friday night in outlying and suburban sections could be released and the lines cleared for traffic.

Alarmed by the theater catastrophe apartment house and business office owners continued to give much attention to clearing roofs of snow and nearly every hour brought rumors of the collapse of some large building. All these rumors, however, proved false.

Reports from Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities in the path of the storm also told of rapid restoration of normal conditions. Heavy seas, however, still were being experienced in the vicinity of Hampton Roads with several vessels in Hampton Roads still in danger.

Death of Mrs. Charles

Mrs. Elizabeth Charles died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Gregory, in South Union Saturday, January 28, at 4 o'clock. She was laid to rest at the family burying ground near Kelly's Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock, being conducted by the Methodist minister.

Mrs. Charles was 83 years of age her last birthday. She was a woman much loved by all who knew her. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Bud Davis, of Texas; Mrs. Mary Shebert, Mrs. Lester Knox, Mrs. Alice Knox, Mrs. Gregory, J. D. Charles and A. T. Charles, of Union, and numbers of grandchildren.

This good woman has lived a life that should be a fit example for anyone to follow. She has been a member of the Bethlehem Methodist church since her girlhood days.

Mrs. Charles has scores of friends who will join the kindred and loved ones in mourning her death.

It is hoped that her good deeds may live and so shine in the life of her children and grandchildren that the good works of this good woman may never be forgotten.

Final Check of Death Toll in Theatre Catastrophe

Washington, Jan. 31.—While the city began the burial of its dead the authorities pushed the investigations of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster. Final check by police showed the death toll from the crash to be 95. Of the 133 injured, 62 remained in the hospital with a dozen reported to be in a critical condition. Reductions in the total death list results from a tentative elimination of eight names for which the police were unable to find any address, one was erroneously reported dead, and one duplication.

Death of Miss Daisy Millwood

On January 22nd I was called to Whitmore to conduct the funeral service of Miss Daisy, daughter of J. M. and Bell Millwood. After a lingering illness covering several months she died last Saturday, January 31st, aged 24 years, three months and 17 days. She said she was prepared to go. She was truly a faithful daughter to her parents.

She is survived by her parents and two brothers, Ed and Will, three sisters as follows, Mrs. John E. Baldwin and Mrs. Luther Moss, both of Union, and Miss Effie, at home.

Funeral services were held in the Whitmore Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Ross, assisted the writer. The burial was at Union.

We can all sympathize with the family.

D. W. Garvin.

INVESTIGATING THEATRE DISASTER

Washington, Jan. 30.—The possibility that the number of dead in the Knickerbocker theatre tragedy might be less than 100 was seen tonight after the police had completed a re-check of all names in the earlier casualty lists and had made a thorough inquiry covering undertaking establishments and hospitals. As a result of their investigations it was said that the death list so far as definitely ascertained now stood at 95.

Ten names in the lists heretofore given of the dead were tentatively stricken out pending more definite knowledge of these persons. The ten had been listed as "address unknown" and there had been no inquiries by relatives or friends for such persons. They were: W. N. Crawford, Albert Baker, E. H. Hall, Paulus Lanby, L. H. Lehler, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Maine, O. N. Walsh, Miss M. E. Walsh and a Mrs. Davis.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Investigation of the cause of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster, which caused the death of more than 100 persons, was begun today by several agencies of the District of Columbia government with the probability that the senate and house might also undertake exhaustive inquiries.

The senate is expected to act tomorrow on a resolution by Senator Capper (Republican) of Kansas, calling for an investigation of the catastrophe by a senate committee. Despite the announcement by Representative Mondell that the house would not authorize an inquiry until district officials have concluded their investigation. Representative Ryan of New York, charging that the collapse of the roof was due to faulty construction and would not have occurred had there been proper inspection, offered a resolution proposing an investigation.

District of Columbia commissioners declared they would go into every phase of the tragedy which occurred Saturday night, when the roof, freighted with snow, fell on an audience of several hundred, not only for the purpose of fixing the blame but of also guarding against possible recurrence of such calamities. Col. Charles Kelley, engineer commissioner, after making a personal survey of the wreckage, declared he believed the cause was caused by a defect in material at some point of the roof's support. He stated, however, that it would be necessary to determine whether the material was any defect in material.

Plans for the investigation. Colonel Keller asserted, indicate that the capacity for weight was greatly in excess of any requirement in a calamity like Washington's.

Building Inspector Haly also was of the opinion that plans for the construction of the roof were sound and practical and that the necessary tests following construction had been made.

Primarily to an investigation the federal grand jury went to the scene of the tragedy and examined the wreckage today. Witnesses will be called before the jury without delay, it was said, in an effort to fix blame.

D. J. Ramsey Nevitt, District of Columbia coroner, declaring he would spare no effort in placing responsibility, requested Peyton Gordon, district attorney, to ask the war department to assign expert engineers to the task of determining the cause of the roof collapse. Mr. Gordon said he would seek such assistance.

Convinced that all bodies had been removed from the debris, the search for dead was halted today by officials in charge of rescue work which had gone on continuously for 40 hours. The last body was removed from the wreckage later last night. Inspector Haly ordered the wall of the theater razed at once as a safety precaution. Unfounded reports that the wall had collapsed, killing men in the rescue party, were spread broadcast today, causing much excitement.

Careful rechecking of the dead indicated tonight that if no more of the injured died the death toll would be 105. Reports that three additional persons had died were unverified. A dozen persons in hospitals, however, were reported in a critical condition today, although E. H. Shaughnessy, second assistant postmaster general, was said to be greatly improved. More than 100 persons sustained injuries of more than a minor nature and were taken to hospitals.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

	Open	Close
March	16.40	16.42
May	16.15	16.20
July	15.80	15.80
October	15.40	15.41
December	15.24	15.28
N. Y. Spots	15.20	16.70
Local market	15.50	